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LB 575, LB 648, LB 649, LB 670 to General File; LB 480, General File with amendments; LB 810, General File with amendments; LB 493, indefinitely postponed; those reports signed by Senator Hartnett. Mr. President, I have a Reference report, and amendments to be printed to LB 505 by Senator Wehrbein, and LB...Wickersham offers an amendment LB 433 to be printed. And last, Mr. President, I have a hearing notice from the...from the Business and Labor Committee signed by Senator Connealy, as Chair. That's all that I have at this time. (Legislative Journal pages 757-759.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The next item on the agenda.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next bill is LB 314. It's a bill by Senator Stuhr. (Read title.) Introduced on January 8 of this year, referred to the Education Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM0124, Legislative Journal page 489.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Stuhr, you're recognized to open on LB 314.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I think most of us know that the pool of available teachers and administrators continues to be a growing problem in our state. Senator Redfield and I both had bills concerning this issue and the committee decided to amend her provision into this bill, and she will discuss her proposal when we address the amendments. My bill addresses the issue of certification. And certification is a challenge often for teachers and administrators coming to Nebraska from out of state even though they have been successful in their profession in their respective states. What LB 314 proposes to exempt candidates for teacher or administrator certificates from taking the Basic Skills Competency Exam if the candidate has had three years of successive experience in another state and has completed an approved teacher education program in that or another state. Nebraska is among 30 states that require passage of a basic skills test for successful completion of a teacher education program, and there are an additional two states, including